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Applicant: Yamasaki et al.
Title: **METHOD FOR FORMING A PASSIVATED METAL LAYER**
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Sir:

AMENDMENT - AFTER NON-FINAL REJECTION

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2006. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 8-19 and 21-23 are pending in the application and are rejected. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Specification:	None
Amendments to the Claims:	Pages 2-6
Amendments to the Abstract:	None
Amendments to the Drawings:	None
Remarks:	Pages 7-11
Attachments:	None